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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7153**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 332

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 8, 2003

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Consumer Protection.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Lawson C

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill allows the Division of Consumer Protection of the Office of the Attorney General to disclose certain information in consumer complaints unless the disclosure would endanger the consumer.

The bill provides that the director of the division and the Attorney General have discretion whether to mediate de minimis consumer complaints.

The bill provides that neither the Attorney General nor the state is liable for the disclosure of information contained in a consumer complaint.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2003.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This bill gives the Director of Division of Consumer Protection and the Attorney General discretion whether to mediate complaints involving de minimis amounts of money. If the Director chooses to mediate fewer complaints involving de minimis amount of money, the provision will allow the Office to shift resources to other areas.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Division of Consumer Protection, Office of Attorney General

**Local Agencies Affected:**

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